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## THE KORESHAN UNIVERSOLOGY.

### A General Summary of the Doctrines and Principles of the Religio-Science.

**K**ORESHAN UNIVERSOLOGY is a complete system of the Science of the great Universe of life; and it involves the knowledge of the Creator and his creation. The name by which it is designated, in contradistinction to perverted Christianity is KORESHANITY; and the new Religion must supplant Christianity, as Christianity supplanted Judaism. Koreshanity has come to fulfil the hope of the world in the liberation of humanity from the curse, in the establishment of the Kingdom of God in earth, the introduction of the New Era of Light and Life, of universal harmony and happiness.

What does Koreshanity teach? We present a brief summary of the System—a few cardinal points, which will serve to suggest the great scope of the System in its completeness. It is the antithesis of all modern theories, of all schools of thought. It is the climax of all mental progress, the ultimate and absolute truth of Being and Existence; it is the revelation of all mysteries, the uncovering of the occult; the true explanation of all phenomena, the scientific interpretation of Nature and the Bible.

**Cosmogony.**—The universe is a cell, a hollow globe, the physical body of which is the earth; the sun is at the center. We live on the inside of the cell; and the sun, moon, planets, and stars are all within the globe. The universe is eternal, a great battery, and perpetually renews itself through inherent functions, by virtue of which it involves and evolves itself.

**Alchemy.**—The Science of Alchemy is the Philosopher's Stone, the Key to the mystery of life. Chemistry is false; Alchemy is true! Matter and energy are interconvertible and interdependent; they are correlates; matter is destructible; the result of its transmutation is energy. Alchemy is the key to the analysis of the universe.

**Theology.**—God is personal and biune, with a triunity of specific attributes. God

in his perfection and power is the God-Man or the Man-God, the Seed of universal perpetuity. Jesus the Christ was God Almighty; the Holy Spirit was the product of his transmutation, or the burning of his body.

**Messianic Law.**—The coming of the Messiah is as inevitable as the reproduction of the seed. The divine Seed was sown nineteen hundred years ago; the firstfruit is another Messianic personality. The Messiah is now in the world, declaring the scientific Gospel.

**Reincarnation** is the central law of life—the law of the resurrection; reincarnation and resurrection are identical. Resurrection is reached through a succession of re-embodiments. One generation passes into another; the millions of humanity march down the stream of time together.

**The Spiritual World.**—Heaven and hell are in humanity, and constitute the spiritual world; the spiritual domain is mental, and is in the natural humanity—not in the sky.

**Human Destiny.**—Origin and destiny are one and the same. The origin of man is God, and God is man's destiny. God is the highest product of the universe, the apex of humanity. Absorption into Nirvana is entrance into eternal life—in the interior spheres of humanity, not in the sky or atmosphere.

**Immortality in the Flesh.**—Koreshanity declares and defines the laws of immortality, and its attainment in the natural world. The first step is recognition of the Messiah and the application of his truth. KORESH was the first in modern times to announce the possibility of overcoming death in the natural world, in the flesh.

**Celibacy.**—The saving of human life consists in the conservation and appropriation of life in humanity. To become immortal, one must cease to propagate life on the plane of mortality. The standard of Koreshan purity is the virgin life of Jesus the Messiah. The Central Order of the Koreshan Unity is Celibate and Communistic. Celibacy obtains in the central nucleus, never in the world at large.

**Psychology.**—Koreshanity points to the basis of all psychic phenomena—the hu-

man brain. It explains the phenomena of spiritism, mental healing, etc., and teaches the science of the relation of mind and matter.

**The Bible.**—The Bible is the best written expression of the divine Mind; it is written in the language of universal symbolism, and must be scientifically interpreted. Koreshanity demonstrates the truth and scientific accuracy of the Scriptures, and proves its astronomy, alchemy, theology, ethnology, etc. There is no conflict between the Bible and genuine Science; the Bible and the natural universe must agree in their expression of the divine Mind.

**Communism.**—Koreshanity advocates communism, not only of the goods of life but of life itself. It has not only the scientific theory of communism, but is practically communistic in the relations and affairs of its own people. In this it corresponds to the primitive Christian church, where all things were held in common. The bond of the true communism is the true religion, and the central personality of the divine communism is the Messiah.

**Koreshan Socialism.**—Our Social System is patterned after the form of the natural cosmos; that form is the natural expression of the laws of order. We demonstrate the fallacy of competition; advocate the destruction of the money power; the control of the products of industry by the government, and the equitable distribution of the goods of life. Koreshanity will abolish wage slavery, and make it impossible for men to accumulate wealth and impoverish the people.

**Church and State.**—The true form of government is the divine Imperialism, the unity of church and state; such will be the Kingdom of God in earth. The Government of the New Age will be in the unity of the empire and the republic, involving the principles of all present forms of government, which are but fragments of the perfect system which existed in ancient times—in the Golden Age of the past. The government of the universe is imperialistic, and humanity will constitute a unit only when every class is replaced at rest and liberty as are the strata, stars, and spheres of the physical cosmos.



# The Flaming Sword

"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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## The Revolutionary Science of Universology.

Recent Theories and So Called Discoveries Shown to be Antedated and Anticipated by the Discoveries of Koresh in 1870; the Principles of Cosmogony and Physics.

KORESH.

IN ANOTHER DEPARTMENT will be found an article by a correspondent in the *Democrat and Chronicle* of Rochester, New York, which shows an appreciative sense of the attitude of the newspaper world in its relation to the suppression of the truth concerning my own discoveries, made as early as 1870. From the article referred to by Mr. Gnadt we quote the following, which is a demonstration that Dr. Gustave le Bon, who is written up in the *Democrat and Chronicle*, has not yet gained a clear conception of the character of the phenomena upon which he discourses so flippantly:

First, he declares that matter, hitherto supposed indestructible, everywhere slowly vanishes by dissociation, which is either spontaneous or provoked by the atoms which compose it. Secondly, the products of the dissociation of the atoms constitute the intermediary substances between ponderable bodies and the imponderable ether—that is, between the two worlds which science has hitherto profoundly separated. Thirdly, matter, regarded hitherto as inert and without power of restoring the energy which has been furnished it, is, on the contrary, a colossal reservoir of energy, interatomic energy, which it can dispense without deprivation.

There is no "dissociation" of atoms in the destruction of two equivalents of hydrogen with one of oxygen, in the formation of water. The two substances called "elements" in the nomenclature of "science," are immediately and directly dissolved and transformed to another substance, in which neither hydrogen nor oxygen obtains. In the destruction of water in the production of hydrogen and oxygen, there is no "dissociation" of atoms, but a direct dematerialization of the water immediately to the condition of its essence,

which is nothing more nor less than the physical spirit of the water, destroyed until the hydrogen is evolved as a new creation. Energy is just what the term means—in work; it is merely the activity of either matter or the essence of matter. Force is the amount of work that either is capable of performing, when urged to activity by their attractive or conflicting relations. A horse is capable of performing a certain amount of work; he has this force, though he may be standing idle. When at work he is exercising energy, because he is in work or in active exercise. The force is the power to do the work; his energy is the doing.

The atomic theory is absolutely false. The statement that there can be a least possible division of matter, cannot be questioned. When a particle of matter has been reduced to its geometric point it cannot be divided, hence it cannot be cut; therefore it is an atom. But when we say that the atomic theory is wrong, we mean the superstructure built upon the supposition that there are combinations of atoms which account for the differences in what are falsely called chemical compounds; and that chemical changes are resultant from "dissociation" and recombination of atoms.

There are no combinations of atoms. When different substances are united, in the changes effected in the destruction of alchemical qualities in the transmutation of these conditions to other forms and qualities of matter, the matter is destroyed as matter through its immediate dematerialization, and the spirit or essence of each is subject to that alchemical reaction which precipitates the new creation immediately and



directly without any "dissociation," as claimed by Dr. le Bon. There can be no "dissociation" because there has never been any association of atoms, in the sense of the atomic theory of the "chemist."

One of the great difficulties of a pseudo-scientist in attempting to break away from a false theory, is in not being able to discover the truth; but being in the line of partially comprehending what another has discovered, and attempting to appropriate the discovery as his own, he is led into an admixture of his own interpretations, while still adhering to and employing the old terminology. If the so called chemical theory is wrong in *part*, it is *all* wrong. The writer (Dr. TEED) has for thirty-six years publicly promulgated his theories revolutionary to the prevailing doctrines of cosmogony and physics; and during this time the press of America and the world has gone beyond the attitude of subjecting facts to ridicule, for there has been first the conspiracy of persecution; and then because persecution was benefiting us even more than silence could accomplish, there came the "conspiracy of silence."

Positive and negative substances flowing together, whether these be material or essential, will react and cause a precipitation. Water is not a chemical combination; it is homogeneous in its character. When destroyed, either by the application of heat or electricity, it is dissolved and new substances are created, not mediately but immediately. If one could reduce a molecule of water (providing we admit that there be a molecule) even to its geometric point, it would still be nothing but a particle of water. When it has reached its limit of subdivision, the least further friction dematerializes the particle and it becomes the spirit of the water, and could not be converted to any other substance but by reactive combinations with affiliative or conflicting alchemical reactivities.

In the conversion of water to what are supposed to be its generative equivalents; namely, two parts of hydrogen and one of oxygen, it must be remembered that the process is of a very different character from the production of water in the union of hydrogen and oxygen. In the production of water, the introduction of a simple spark will ignite the mixture; and when once ignited, it carries its own power of combustion without the continuation of the introduction of the spark. In the destruction of water and its conversion to hydrogen and oxygen, (if accomplished by the introduction of electricity), the substances from which the electricity is generated are constantly supplied; and if the operation ceases, the oxygen and hydrogen cease to be generated. In the production of the electric current, substances are decomposed and the substantial thing, electricity, is constantly created. If the physicist cannot locate the electricity after it enters the water to create the hydrogen and oxygen, then he cannot deter-

mine the character of the process by which the three equivalents, hydrogen and oxygen, are derived through the operation of dematerializing the water.

Since the "scientific" world has come to recognize the facts which I presented thirty-six years ago,—that the so called energies, as light, heat, electricity, and magnetism, are substantial; and that electricity is positively a fluid, it must determine where this fluid goes when water is destroyed, before it can say that hydrogen and oxygen are the substances of which water is composed. The world of so called science is groping along on the lines of one side of the universal truth; and the foremost physicists of the times are claiming for electricity that it is not only a substantial thing, but a material substance. The materialistic mind is not willing to admit that a substantial thing need not necessarily be a material thing. Electricity has not the properties of matter, but it has the properties of spirit, which is substantial though not material.

The least possible particle of matter (call it an atom or whatsoever you will, as for instance, an atom of gold) suddenly converted to its essence or spirit, and confined, would explode a ten-thousand-horse-power boiler of the most perfect make. Retroactive reactivities, as the electrical solutions of any of the metallic material substances, upon flowing together will precipitate matter; and such retroactive operations are responsible for the materialization of spirit into the creation of the form of matter, thus merging it into the material quality. What is true of physical spirit is equally true of mental substance; and it is a knowledge of this law that enables the writer to account for the facts of what are denominated the manifestations of that phase of spiritualistic phenomenon called materialization.

The scientists throughout the world are familiar with the claims of Koreshan Universology. They are also aware of the fact that I have declared the substantiality of what have heretofore been called energies, for the last thirty-six years; and it is not an uncommon thing to see my iterations so nearly appropriated as to constitute them plagiarisms on my own declarations. There seems to be a determinate purpose not to recognize my discoveries to any degree.

Dr. le Bon is not the only man who is "off his base" along the lines of attempted discoveries. Professor Serviss declares that the world is on the verge of the greatest and most startling discoveries of its history, and that these discoveries are revolutionary. The discoveries were made in the year 1870, and are being promulgated by the Discoverer; but, like all great and revolutionary discoveries, they are not being greedily taken up by the disquieted world of thought; they are rejected precisely as the Lord was rejected by those who professed to be the most interested in his advent.



A revolution in the theory of Cosmogony would necessitate a conviction of the absolute absurdity of the Copernican system, and the necessary departure from all its theoretical and hypothetical premises. A revolutionary change in the conception of astronomical science would invert the conception and give in exchange the Cellular Cosmogony, which is the greatest discovery of historical or inspirational times. That the universe is cellular in its form, with a corresponding function, is diametrically opposite to the prevailing false conception; and it is the only theory that could be revolutionary in astronomical knowledge. That God is Man, and that the Lord God was manifest in the world nineteen hundred years ago, is a revolutionary conception of Divinity; and yet the Christian world acclaims the truth that the Son of God in his personality was the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

My doctrine of physics constitutes the basis of the understanding of the law of the cross, whether applied to material alchemy, or to the higher alchemy which defines the character of the crucifixion of the Lord spiritually, in Sodom and Egypt, where also, it is declared, our Lord was crucified. The Lord was dematerialized, and the substance of that dematerialization was communicated to his Disciples; thus they ate his flesh and drank his blood, by which there began, in as many as received him, the processes of development by which they were to become the Sons of God.

The Koreschan Universology is the revolution which the world will be compelled to recognize as the veritable truth, beyond which there can be no truth—for it is the limit of universal science. The Holy Ghost, so called, was the dematerialized product of the personality of the Lord after his resurrection from the tomb of Joseph. In the impartation of the Holy Spirit to the church receptive to its influences, there was communicated the seed of the eternal Divinity, that seed being the promised seed; namely, the Seed-man. The Holy Spirit was the seminal essence of Deity; and when it was planted in the race, the seed of God was thus planted, and there began the regeneration of the Sons of God. In the transmission of the Holy Spirit and its commingling with the sensual spirit of humanity, the cross was actually effected; for the blending of the Spirit of the Christ with the aspiring spirit of the sensual man constituted the cross of Christ, through which the unregenerate man becomes the regenerate Son of God. These two spirits hold retroactive potencies, and their reagency will materialize the Sons of God at the end of the age, as the fruition of the Tree of Life, which the race becomes in so far as it partook of and did not reject the Holy Spirit when it was shed upon the world, not all along the dispensation, but in the beginning, since which time there has been no shedding forth of the Holy Spirit.

It is only through a knowledge of the laws of correspondences that there can be comprehended the relation of the plane of physics with that of metaphysics; but, thus armed, there is nothing beyond the microscopic eye of naturo-supernatural vision. The discovery of the revolutionary science of Universology has opened up to the scientific vision the world of mystery; the spirit of illumination has brightened the path of progress, and that which constitutes the darkness of the pathway of hypothetical delusion is being dissipated, as the darkness disappears before the rising luminary of the dawning day.

## New Century Studies and Reviews

Lucie Page Borden

### THE POWER OF CHOICE IN EDUCATION.

Suggestions Concerning Natural Methods of Attaining Knowledge;  
How Studies May Be Pursued with Interest and Pleasure;  
the Study of Koreschan Science.

“TANTUM SCIMUS, quantum in memoria tenemus.”

The old Latin saying simply means that the measure of a man's wits is taken by the ancients to be what he is capable of holding in his memory. This simple truth shows the defect of modern education. It consists in overcrowding the memory with insignificant details. Let the pupil's mind expand naturally under the care of a competent instructor. Let him gradually be inducted into the pleasures of learning. Let his interest in his studies be equal to that which he feels in watching the course of foot-ball or cricket, and he will not think about his memory. He will simply absorb knowledge at every pore. The first requisite of success in teaching is to stimulate the student's interest in the subject taught. Then the process of education is as healthy and as natural as the growth of a young tree. If Kant did say that the pupil must be made to feel that his studies involve a certain amount of work, he never doubted that the success of an educator comes from enthusiasm aroused in the branch pursued.

In regard to memory it was Kant who said that the practice of reading novels injures this faculty to an enormous extent. Perhaps it is one of the most pernicious habits to be fastened upon the young. They should be early impressed with the fact that the choice they make of their brain furniture will tell very much in after life,—that what is held in the cells of the brain is a matter of will. In regard to the choice of books, Ruskin asks: “Shall I associate with stable-boys when I might keep company with kings and queens?” If Kant says that the reading of many novels makes intellectual women vapid, and silly women sillier, he had the same thought that is at the base of successful instruction. Novels, if read in abundance, as a steady diet, crowd the mind with unnecessary details to the exclusion of what is really valuable.



The power of choice in the selection of studies often makes a great difference in the after life of the student. His occupation may be determined while he is in the class-room. One student may decide upon natural history, another upon book-keeping, while a third finds his attraction in the useful arts. The stimulation of taste in a judicious manner is a part of the teacher's function and displays his ability. The instincts of the street Arab need to be softened and his acuteness turned in the right direction; so whether in primary school or college, the teacher will find his time and wits fully occupied by the hopeful task of moulding the child's spirit or spurring on the youth.

The majority of the branches taught involve some kind of mental discipline a little beyond the pupil's present attainments, so he is incited to progress little by little until he has mastered the subject. If the power of choice begins to be exercised rightly, the selection will involve what is adapted to aid him the most in the future, not what will simply give him pleasure.

The advantage of studying something besides what is put into the ordinary text-book, is apparent when one considers that the chief things which concern man are not his daily bread or his clothes, but something over and above any of his common wants. He should study all that he can possibly master in his school text-books; but he also wants to choose instruction of a higher order. He needs to inquire whether his origin and his destiny should not be known, and whether in taking time to interest himself in more scientific pursuits, such as the literature that is offered in regard to the tests of the earth's contour, he may not find the best kind of education in being taught to think for himself as never before. An intimate acquaintance with the tenets of Koreshanity has seemed to some persons like a liberal education. They have been obliged to furbish up all they ever knew in order to compare its statements with those of the rest of the world.

#### Public Sentiment Favors Imperialistic Expansion.

THE CONSPICUOUS attention lavished upon the daughter of the President by foreign rulers and potentates, shows a great advancement in the position of the United States. It was not as the daughter of a simple citizen, but as shining in the light of her father's glory, that she received the gifts from distant nations and from the greatest powers in the world. It is an honor and should be a joy to the people of this country, to see the trend of public opinion.

The annexation of the Philippines proved to be the beginning of a new era in the development of this nation. The territorial rights gained in another hemisphere put the country into the category of great powers. The manner in which President Roosevelt has contributed to its *eclat*, may be seen by the invitation he was given to mediate between two countries of the old world in order to prevent an international broil. The thing that has just happened in America is proof positive that the career of imperialism has not dawned without

the introduction of a new spirit in the nation. Previous to the civil war it was Jeffersonian simplicity that was cited as the acme of taste in a republic. The splendor of the Roosevelt wedding has been little reproached, and the attitude of the man who had the temerity to ask why the money spent by "them kaisers," as he termed the illustrious rulers of England, Germany, and other countries, in presents, should not have been distributed among the starving poor in this country, was fitly met by the answer, "I think that it is none of my business." So the rabid socialist had himself for an audience. This incident took place in a Pennsylvania Avenue street car which happened to be passing the White House.

The notion of letting the President speak for himself in the Southern states has made the greatest difference in their opinion of him. It is safe to say that the whole country has never been consolidated as at the present time—and why? Because it centers its affections in a definite head who is adequate to his duties. The course of empire is toward the west, and the revival of imperialism comes because the great majority of the American people are in need of seeing a sovereign to represent them, as the nations of Europe are represented. He may be called a president for many years more, but he is the representative head in whom the people center, and as such he is its sovereign.

#### The Significance of the Dark Rays.

THE DILATION of the pupil of the eye when a person passes into a darkened room, is a very ordinary phenomenon, not calling for special notice except as one of the best known facts in optical science. The cat's eye is not constructed on exactly the same plan as the human eye, for the delicate slit in the pupil gives it the power of catching an entirely different vibration, so that it can see well enough to seize its prey in the night.

The emanation of energy from the physical sun corresponds to that from the biologic sun or center of human life and mental energy. In the Lord there is a counter vibration that is classified as his involuntary power. It is the opposite of light, and is therefore the involuntary evil accruing from the voluntary production of good. This dark side of the Word of Life has its correspondent in the physical luminary, and comes to the knowledge of the student of physics as a stream of darkness, the reverse of the energies sent out toward the earth from the positive side of the solar hemispheres.

The cat has a very significant mission, to prey upon the lower creation; and this is accomplished by canine energy received into its pupil. So the "dogs" around the sun are of the same order, and represent the canine or canine forces. The worst enemy of the cat tribe is the canine, and unless domesticated under favorable circumstances, the two animals are at variance; yet the one accomplishes its mission most satisfactorily by means of the energy corresponding to the other. So



the natural enemies of a person may be his best tools.

The proof of the dark side of the sun is seen in the lines discovered by Fraunhofer in the solar spectrum, and always present when a ray of pure sunlight is resolved into its constituents according to the theory accepted in regard to the polarization of light, but really created by the transformation of the beam of white light.

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### THE OUTLOOK OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

The Striking and Dramatic Stellar Configurations of the Horoscope of King Edward VII., in Relation to His Subjects.

THE RECENT APPEAL to the suffrages of the British electorate consequent on the change of ministry, and the enormous majority obtained by the popular party by which the plebiscite set the seal of its august approval on the transfer of power, have called rather more than the usual mead of attention to the activities operating in that insular home of the maternal origin of the American people. The steady increase in the volume of British trade, which during the past year easily eclipsed all previous records when contrasted with the corresponding augmentation in the distressed conditions of the masses, provides the student of political economics with abundant material for thought and inquiry.

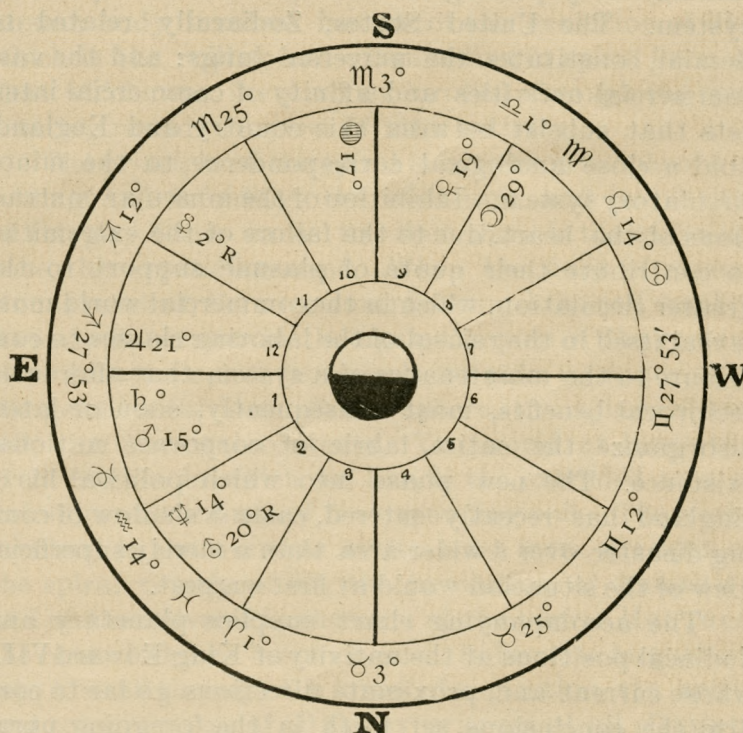
The most prominent feature presented by results in the recent elections, is presented by the immense increase in the representative strength of the labor vote, which has not only succeeded in capturing over four score seats in the new Parliament, but has elevated its leader to an important post in the cabinet. The interests of capital in England, which are now so closely associated with the interests of the American financial world, are year by year displaying themselves more keenly in antagonism to the welfare of the laboring classes. The rearing of the head of a labor party, including in its ranks all grades of social reformers, from the trades-unionist to the more radical socialist, must consequently be regarded as a significant portent of coming friction between the two primary factors of commercial activity.

England as the old Lion and heart of secular commerce, is polarized in the muscular system which, in the sphere of human relations, corresponds to the laboring and producing classes. The most powerful muscular tissue in the human system is the plexus of muscular development located in the heart, and by the contraction and expansion of which the valvular cavities in this the most potent center of the vascular system, are caused to alternately admit and inhibit the flow of blood that, bathing the entire organism with its vitalizing potencies, both contributes those substances

essential to the upbuilding of the frame and carries off the waste products of its energies, thus regulating the commercial currents of the living organism.

It is this close connection with the muscular system that relates the English people with the heart; for England, contrary to a not infrequent error that associates this nation with the sign Leo, in relation to its political activities which find their focus in the House of Commons, the center of popular representation, should be directly associated with the sign Aquarius, the coördinate of Leo, a Saturnian sign related to the extremity of the muscular system, which finds its center in the gastrocnemius muscle in the calf of the leg. The House of Lords, which is theoretically the legislative partner of the Commons, but which during the last half century has been shorn of all but the semblance of its former authority, is closely related to the sign Leo.

Notwithstanding this apparent eclipse, the particu-



Horoscope of King Edward VII.

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lar class or estate known as the gentry, of which the lords and the clerics constitute the apex, has, through the medium of its representatives elected to the Commons, retained its hold on the state tiller. These representatives have been elected by the people, who, as abjectly servile to the vested interests of the two upper orders as was ever the third estate of France in pre-revolutionary days, have blindly closed their eyes to the gross impositions of the upper orders. Consequently England, notwithstanding the fact that the power of the hereditary monarch has of recent years dwindled to the vanishing point, although popular and democratic in the form of its legislative administration, has in the functional operations of its government been distinctively autocratic, despotic, and absolute. The English people as a race is probably characterized by a larger degree of stolidity and unimaginative obtuseness than any other nation in earth; and to this lack of original



conception must be attributed the failure of the masses to exercise the functions and powers that a liberal suffrage has vested in the lower estate.

The birth into the sphere of practical politics of a labor party intellectually equipped, responsive to a central organization, and independent of absolute thought and ancient tradition, constitutes a threatened inhibition of the normal pulsations of the heart of competitive commerce which, by disturbing the regular ebb and flow of the liquid medium of commercial exchange, must ultimately disorganize the entire fabric of national corporations that, subservient to the old center of commercial power, yields its genuflections to the god of vested monetary interests.

In the human organism there are operative two distinct circulatory systems, the pulmonary and the greater. The former is engaged specifically in maintaining the physiological activities of the respiratory system. The United States, Zodiacally related to Gemini, constitutes the universal lungs; and the vast commercial activities and affinity of commercial interests that subsist between this country and England, hold a close analogical correspondence to the minor circulatory system. Inhibition of the muscular contractions of the heart, due to the failure of the extremities to contribute their quota of plasmic support to the greater circulation, which in the commercial world must reveal itself in the refusal of the laboring classes to contribute to the maintenance of a system that affords no reciprocal benefits, must consequently, soon or later, disorganize the entire fabric of corporate national existence. The new phase into which political life in England has recently entered, casts a shadow of coming disaster over a wider area than a merely superficial view of the situation would at first suggest.

The accompanying chart supplies planetary and Zodiacal positions at the nativity of King Edward VII., whose current and proximate directions go far to confirm the conclusions set forth in the foregoing paragraphs. The radical planetary configurations afford scant hope for either a prosperous or a peaceful reign. We find Mars on the ascendant in quadrature to Venus in the ninth house; and the Moon in ninth house in a like aspect to Saturn on ascendant, foreshadowing strained relations with foreign powers and hostile demonstrations. The king ascended the throne at a time when the nation was plunged in a disastrous war. The Sun at birth occupied the M. C. and trined Uranus, a promise of exceptional personal popularity; but its square to Neptune in Aquarius in the second house is of ill omen to the vested monetary interests of his subjects.

Neptune has now progressed to within a single degree of the quadrature of the radical Sun. Jupiter, which was rising at birth, has progressed to the sixth degree of Capricorn and lacks but one degree to conjoin with the progressed Saturn, signifying the grapple of the labor party with the money power, which is rendered additionally prominent from the fact that this conjunction is now culminating on the progressed M. C. The progressed Venus occupies the ninth degree of Capri-

corn, lying in close proximity to the aforementioned conjunction. She is now progressing to the conjunction of the radical Mars, a position which in view of the square aspect at birth, is especially ominous. The progression of the M. C. has carried these planets into the ninth house; they come into close orbital relations during the present year, and complete their conjunction in 1910. So disturbed relations with foreign powers, amounting to declared warfare, should as a natural consequence occupy the attention of the nation during these years.

Should the King's life be prolonged into the year 1911, the most disastrous consequences are certain to befall the British nation. The progressed Moon entered Aquarius, the Parliamentary sign, at the close of last year, and at the same time squared the radical M. C. This marked the change of Ministry and the rise of the labor party. In the spring of next year the lesser light conjoins Neptune; and trouble, both domestic and foreign should ensue—for the difficulties of the present government in relation to the labor problem will probably assume proportions hitherto unequalled. The current opposition of Uranus and Neptune from the seventh degrees of Capricorn and Cancer falls on the King's radical ascendant and descendant and on his progressed M. C. and nadir; the former planet transiting the conjoined Saturn and Jupiter.

Disturbed conditions in India and in the far East, with possible uprisings in the British African dominions, might accompany this transit. The precise outcome of the foregoing directions is a matter of minor concern; and in view of the present development of astrology, can afford but the basis for intelligent surmise. Yet if knowledge of detail is withheld, the general trend of affairs as affecting the English people, and in a large degree the world at large, is accurately mirrored in the striking and dramatic stellar configurations of this representative horoscope.

## General Contributions

### THE UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLE OF THE SPIRAL.

The Spiral as a Fundamental Principle in all Life and Progress; Ignored Utterly in Modern Astronomy.

THE EDITOR.

THE SPIRAL AND THE CELL are dominant principles in the Koreshan System; they are the principles manifest in the activities of life itself. All life is developed in the cell, and the progress of all life is in spiral lines. The instinct of Shakespeare led him to recognize the fact that the human body is a "mortal coil." We see the spiral in the shells upon the seashore; and we observe it in the circulations of the human body from corpuscle to sperm, and in the plant from root to seed. A principle so universally manifest in life must not be overlooked in cosmogony. The universe must be as full of spirals as it is full of forms of organic life; it must correspond to the human world. The ancients understood the principles of the spiral and its operation in man and cosmos; but in the modern astronomical mind there is no place for it—and so much the worse for modern astronomy.



The principle that figures conspicuously in the theory of modern astronomy is the ellipse; it is the hypothetical path of projectile planets in their revolution about the sun. It was first so applied by Kepler, who set out to discover by empirical methods, an hypothesis that would account for the apparent inequality in the velocity of the orbs. The spirit of true discovery was not in Kepler's work, for no principle of life was taken as the basis of his conclusions; there was no philosophic nor scientific reasons given as to why orbits should assume the form of an ellipse. But for the ellipse, modern astronomy would break down completely; it is essential to the system. But lacking the element of the spiral, it must ultimately fall utterly, for the spiral is a universal principle, as active in the great form of the cosmos as it is in the particular forms of life contained in the great cosmic cell.

The electrician does not ignore the spiral, even if the astronomer finds no place for it. Electro-magnetism would be an unknown quantity today but for the spiral. The coil, the helix, figures conspicuously in all electric appliances. Without the spiral there could be no dynamos, no motors. The power of electricity could not be applied to machinery without it. It is absolutely essential in the generation of the energies of the universe and their application to their uses in the cosmic body. It is well known that the word for sun in the Greek unmistakably reveals the fact that the ancients conceived of the sun as performing the function of the helix. The Greeks called the sun *helios*. In the Koreshan Cosmogony the orbit of the central sun is spiral; and its projection upon our atmosphere has a spiral orbit as related to the earth; and the lunar gyre and the courses of the planets are between the tropics, their spiral rounds covering the belt of the torrid zone.

The spiral is one of the principal factors in cell-building. The word cell is unmistakably related to the word coil. Therefore, Shakespeare's "mortal coil" is a scientific expression. The reason why man is a cell is that he is the product of generation from the sperm and germ, which are in themselves terminals of the spiral rounds of involving life. Indeed, the word sperm itself is akin to spiral, for *speiro* means to sow. Now, *speiro* is related to *speira*, which means a winding, a fold, a curve, or swing, as the swinging of the hand in sowing grain. It may be conclusively demonstrated that every seed of whatsoever kind, is the result of spiral circulation, the rounds or spires of which widen from the seed of reproduction through unfoldment or evolution, until expanded in the body of the plant, or man, or world; and then in contracting lines or spires, the circulation progresses to the terminal point or apex of the spiral, which is the involved form of the forces active in movement toward the pole and pivot of aspiration.

The word *speiro* is directly related to *spairo*, which means to shake, as in excessive mental agitation. The origin of the meaning of this word and its use is in the divine theocrasis, the intense activities of the divine fire which reduces the entire Seed-man to spiritual essence,

to Holy Spirit, to the seed of divine reproduction. The outward spiral begins with the sowing or dissemination of the seed; its field of activity is a sphere (Greek, *sphaira*) of which the Seed-man is the microcosmic infoldment. It is a singular fact that the word spiral is related to the word spirit, which is the sublimation of matter. The spirit of matter results from combustion. Combustion is impossible without the formation of a vortex. A vortex is a whirlpool, the nucleus of which is the pole of the spiral motions which ingather energies from a surrounding sphere of activity. Spirit is produced at the terminal point of atomic circulation and motion. The word spirit is from *spiro*, to breathe; it is a breathing out from a vortex, and the very essential impulse of spirit is spiral. It can be naught else, because of the factors of the generation of spirit. Therefore, the spirit of life, active from seed to man and from man to seed, is spiral. Hence, the building of the human body involves factors of the evolution of life, which is the rolling-out or unfolding in spiral lines, of that which was involved or inrolled through the contracting rounds or spires of vital activity.

The principle of the spiral is but the principle of unfolding and infolding, the evolution and involution of things. From cause to effect there is the widening zone, the expanding cone. When the limit of expansion is reached, the zone contracts until the coil reaches its least dimension in the apex, the pole of the vortex. If we follow a spiral from pole to pole, we conceive of the geometrical form of the sphere, the sphere of the cell, with its vital contents. The world at large, the great cosmos in which we live, is the extended area of unfoldment, the limit of the expanding coil. The world involved is the universe in its least form, the apex of the spiral rounds of life, the involution of humanity and of the universe in the form of the perfect Man; and the reason why he becomes such is because he gathers into himself through the forces of aspiration, the spirit and consciousness of all the experiences of all elements and substances constituting the great sphere of resource of his development.

If man is a coil or cell which, through the operation of the principle of the spiral, has developed from the seed of reproduction, and which also involves life in the form of seed, it follows that the universe at large, the analogue of man, must be perpetuated through periodic production of its own seed of reproduction. Nature and Nature's God are so inseparably linked that no one can comprehend the Creator apart from his creation. The principles of divine activity are revealed in the works and processes of Nature. Deity breathes life into man, and man is inspired and spurred to follow in the spiral of progress that leads him to the apex, the terminal point and goal of human development.

Modern astronomy is doomed to decline because it ignores the fundamental principles of life and motion; because it has conceived of the universe as a heartless mechanism, the orbs of which are supposed to be worlds swinging through space in obedience to fancied mechanical laws. Koreshan Universology presents the conception that the universe is a living organism, containing all its kingdoms of life; it is a great egg or cell, in which the processes of incubation are continuous and eternal.





## In The Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.



THE EVERGLADES OF FLORIDA, with all their picturesque and unrivaled scenery, constituting a region of mystery, reflect the images of sun and cloud, all unconscious of an attempt that is being made by the assumed power of the Governor of the State of Florida to destroy them. And likewise a number of people who are lending aid to the drainage scheme, are all unconscious of the great danger to the interests of Florida, with which such a scheme is fraught. THE FLAMING SWORD has vigorously opposed the proposition to obliterate the Everglades' scenes of beauty; and we are pleased to note that the representative dailies of the State are likewise endeavoring to prevent execution of the plans to drain, not only the Everglades, but the State treasury as well, for a purpose wholly uncalled for either by the people or the exigencies of the times. The scheme was not proposed and undertaken through any insistence on the part of the inhabitants of Florida. The will of the people has not been sought; only the will of the Governor has been made known; and through powers assumed and usurped, he began to draw largely upon the State funds, which the legislature now affirms emphatically are not available for such purpose. And, moreover, authorities of the United States have declared that the proposition to tax the lands in counties embraced in and contiguous to the Everglades, shall not at present be permitted. Injunction has been granted to complainants; and it appears at present, in view of the decisions of the courts, that the proposition to tax those lands is unconstitutional. Perhaps the origin of the scheme to drain the Everglades should now be made a subject of investigation. Why was it proposed? Did it come from corporate interests? Has the spirit of greed embodied in heads of great concerns, inspired Governor Broward to endeavor to open up a vast field for exploitation by the avaricious captains of industry? It would seem so even to the most casual observer. New lands are not needed. There is plenty of land for hundreds of thousands of people, outside of the Everglades. There is no demand for drainage, nor for the lands it might improve. It has been confidently asserted that tens of thousands of acres of Florida lands need irrigation far more than lands bordering on the Everglades need drainage; and again, it is urged by many that the cost of drainage would be enormous, and that the money could be put to better use in a dozen different directions. At present, the drainage scheme seems subject to the following objections urged by the representative press and people of Florida: (1) The State has no right to impose drainage tax on the people. (2) The money could be put to better purpose under more urgent demands. (3) The drainage scheme has not been shown to be feasible. (4) It would destroy a world-wonder and sacrifice beauty unrivaled in the interests of greed. (5) It would injure the climate of South Florida and extend the frost line to the Florida strait. (6) Tens of thousands of acres would be laid in waste, rendered barren and useless. (7) Lowering the water level of Lake Okechobee would render less possible necessary irrigation of dry lands.

(8) Pine forests of vast area would be killed and subject to action of fire. (9) Cypress forests would be dried and destroyed. (10) Decaying vegetation in drained districts would engender malaria, where now pure air is conducive to health. (11) The way would be opened to insect pests, while the Everglades are now absolutely free from them. (12) Tens of thousands of acres of muck and peat lands would dry up and become subject to extensive fires. (13) The Everglades proper would be almost impassable, because of the rough, rocky surface exposed. (14) The amount of land probably benefited would be small in proportion to vast areas destroyed. (15) Corporations, and not the people at large, would be benefited. (16) It is claimed by explorers that Lake Okechobee is connected with the Atlantic Ocean by subterranean channels, and that drainage of the glades would be impossible without vast dykes to hold the lake waters. The foregoing items constitute some of the principal objections against the uncalled-for proposition and attempt to deprive Florida of a wholesome climate, of a world-wonder, of fountains of perpetual youth—of all the benefits contributed by Nature and the designs of Destiny to the people of the present and future of the great Peninsula State and of the world. We invoke the Powers of Destiny to stay the hand of the destroyer!

THE ALTARS at Athens when the Apostle Paul preached his memorable sermon on Mars Hill, manifested a division of the religious world into numerous sects. In that respect the old religious world was like the present. There are as many different kinds of gods worshiped now as then, even in Christendom; but they are mostly known now by the same name. The altars at Athens were each dedicated to a particular deity; and in order to be sure to have all the gods represented, the Unknown God was included, whom the people ignorantly worshiped. The tactful Apostle took the inscription as a text. He pointed out the fact that the inscription referred to the God he himself worshiped; it was the God who made the heavens and the earth, and all therein. Who was this God of whom the Apostle preached? He was the great subject of the Christian gospel. He made all nations from one blood; and even the human race is his offspring. "Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device." What, then, should we think he is like? Why, like the Man he had raised up to judge the world in righteousness; like the Man of the resurrection. The Apostle preached Jesus the Christ—that was the God and Lord of all the heavens and the earth that he held up for acceptance by the people who heard him everywhere he preached. The modern church has turned away from that God, even from the conception of Jesus as being the very Godhead, the fulness of the Godhead bodily. God is Man, but the world has forgotten it and turned aside unto other gods that are false and spurious and powerless except in the elements of death and fallacy. The Apostle preached the manifest heart and



soul of the human race, the Seed and Creator of the Tree of Life and of all the world. He preached the pole of human affection of the divine order. The altars at Athens indicated a chaos equaled only by the chaos of the present in church and state. There must be a turning from idols, and a turning toward the positive pole and pivot of all truth. That means a personality now in the human world, the Messenger sent to proclaim the gospel of genuine science.

MANY PERSONS, from the basis of mere sentimental reasons, conceive of certain "rights of sentient creation;" that is, that animals of all kinds have as good a right to life and to protection in their life and habits as man; and that it is wrong to slay animals for any purpose except to defend the life of man. Notwithstanding the opinions of many people, the universe has been constructed on a different basis, and there is no changing the order of its laws. If animals have a right to live, they have a right to live according to their own taste, and many of them have a taste for blood. There is not a living thing in all the world that does not, in its endeavor to sustain its life, slay and eat. It is impossible to maintain life of any kind without appropriation of the substance of something else. Animals do have certain rights. One of their principal rights, indeed the principal right of every kind of life, is the right to progress toward a goal of destiny. It would be out of the order of law to undertake to establish such measures or regulations that tend to prevent attainment of the final goal. Animals have a right to rise in the scale of being. They do indeed pass from plane to plane of species in their own kingdom—and that is through appropriation. Animals have a right to ascend into the human domain. The limit of their aspiration, the top of the ladder of their progress, is not reached when they have gone the rounds of progress in the animal kingdom. The human race is supported from beneath by the kingdoms beneath. Cut off the supply of substance furnished by the mineral, vegetable, and animal kingdoms and human life would cease. There are elements in the animal kingdom that are absolutely essential to man, else the animal kingdom would not exist in relation to the human world. The links of life in the great chain of existence and progress are all necessary. The Almighty knew how to arrange everything in the cosmos according to its eternal order of relations; and no theory of sentimentalism can improve on the original conception of Deity as to his purposes and processes.

WE ARE sometimes asked to give our estimate of the doctrine of the Universalists that everybody will be saved. The Universalists quote an expression of the Apostle Paul: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." The Koreshans also hold that the expression is a statement of truth. But the Universalist is sentimental, holding that God is too good to allow one man to be lost. It would seem that God should have been too good to allow man to die in the first place; but he allowed otherwise. The mere fact that a man has died according to the common idea of death, is no guarantee that the man is to be made alive in the Christ. But the dying of a *certain kind* of a death *does* guarantee life; and all who die that death will be

made alive in the new orders of existence. The same Apostle emphatically stated that "If we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: if we suffer with him, we shall also reign with him." Therefore death with the Christ was set forth in the Christian gospel as absolutely essential to salvation; for the seed and substances of the soil are made at-one in death ere they are made at-one in the living plant. The God-Man is the cause of death as well as the origin of life: "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead." The Adamic death is the death of the God-Man. Jesus was Adam; and all who die in him will be made alive. It is also true that death upon the human race was entailed through the ancient Adam; and in time, every man so dying will be made alive, each man in his own order, in coming cycles. Thus salvation becomes *universal*, and the thought seen to be in perfect harmony with the conditions that *the way is narrow*, and comparatively few there be that find it in any one dispensation.

It is authoritatively reported that Rockefeller gave each of his employees at his Lakewood country home, a five dollar gift as a valentine; but the report is late, and in explanation the newspapers explain that sometimes two months are required to get news from the Rockefeller home to the village near by, although it takes only three minutes to flash news around the world. The five dollar valentine item reminds us that "charity begins at home." There is no danger of the poor starving to death around Rockefeller, when five dollars are given once a year; and the total amount distributed was something like \$125, too! Think of that for the generosity of a man worth only half a billion—that is, a man who has taken a half a billion dollars from employees and concerns under him. It is so good of him to return a few dollars now and then!

A LITERARY and art critic makes prominent his opinion of certain phases of private and personal astronomy which appear on canvas, and in magazines and newspapers. The moon is made to do all sorts of peculiar things in pictures; the full moon is represented as setting at midnight; the new moon crescent convexing towards the east; and even some poets have imagined the full moon as visible at noon. Of course all those things are blunders; but the blunders are not nearly so great as those made by the modern astronomer, who places the moon in all sorts of impossible positions and relations and distances. The astronomical sins of the artist and poet may be easily overlooked; but those committed by the followers of Copernicus will go unforgiven a long while.

"THE GOAL sought for by all mankind is freedom," says a writer under the head of "The Goal." Some people think that true freedom is nothing more than license to do as they please. The freedom of the lion and the tiger is dangerous to life; the freedom of the burglar and the murderer is not sought for by anybody who desires safety with freedom. No man should conceive of true freedom as license to do wrong. A star in its orbit enjoys true freedom in its plane. It is perfectly free to move forward in its path; but it has no freedom to depart from its orbit, no freedom to go backwards. The modern conception of freedom is anarchistic.



# The Open Court of Inquiry.

THE EDITOR.

## The Mystery of the Fourth Dimension.

"An idea of the fourth dimension seemed to come to me yesterday as I was pondering over the measurements of the New Jerusalem; and the solution fits in so well with the idea of the Cellular Cosmogony, that I concluded to burden you with a recital of it. \* \* In the Cellular Cosmogony, the measurement of the earth itself would be around from east to west; around from north to south; and through the shell from inside to outside. The space enclosed is another dimension. \* \* I should like to see your ideas on the subject—knowing your ability to illuminate is by enlarging on subjects."

The conception of three dimensions is derived from the Euclidian geometry, the basis of which is the point, line, and plane. The moving point makes the line; the moving line makes the plane, and the moving plane makes the solid. In the line there is length, in the plane there is breadth; and from the plane there is supposed to be evolved the third dimension, which is thickness. It is observable that in this conception of geometry, or the evolution of geometric form, there is no conception of *circular measure*, which is involved in the circle and sphere.

For convenience, we refer to the ordinary three dimensions as generally recognized. In addition to the ordinary three dimensions there is a *fourth*, which has long constituted a problem. The terms length, breadth, and thickness are mere terms of convenience. There are not in fact three or four dimensions. There are three measures of form, but the qualities of the measures are identical. What usually passes for three dimensions, is in fact *one* dimension, which may be conceived as extension from a central point.

However, for the present we may recognize the three kinds of ordinary measure as applied to form, as in reality three dimensions. There is yet another dimension. It is not of the same quality as the other three. Its difference distinguishes it as the fourth. The three ordinary dimensions exist simultaneously in the ever present. The fourth dimension includes the quality of time as referable to the duration of the form.

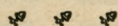
A rope has two ends, opposite extremities. An Irishman conceived of

three ends of a rope—the two ends ordinarily recognized; and throwing the rope into the fire, he demonstrated a third end, though the character of the third end differed from the other two. So it is with the fourth dimension, which is the measure of the duration of the thing from the beginning of its existence to its end.

In another sense, the fourth dimension of matter is at the point of materialization; also at the point of dematerialization. At these points the matter is in the atomic state; but in the broader sense, the fourth dimension extends in time from materialization to dematerialization of the matter to which the fourth dimension applies.

The length of the earth is its longitude; the latitude is its breadth; its diameter may be conceived as a third dimension, whether it be considered as solid or hollow. Space filled with air does not differ in quality from space filled with any other substance. But the diameter of the earth is comprised of two radii, which of course extend from the center; and all radii constitute the lines of space of the sphere.

The hollowness of the world does not constitute its fourth dimension. If so, it would follow that a true solid does not possess the quality of the fourth dimension. We maintain that the fourth dimension is applicable to everything to which the other three dimensions are applicable.



## The Compass Needle in the Hollow Globe.

"A few days ago while using my compass, I noticed that the north end of the needle pointed considerably downward. It seemed to be a fact in favor of the old school idea that we live on the convex side of the earth; for I reasoned thus: Koreshanity teaches us that we live on the concave surface; and therefore the north end of the compass needle should point considerably upward, when used in our latitude.

"Now, I wish you would explain this seeming variance between the Koreshan Cosmogony and the action of the compass needle. I do think the moral and religious side of Koreshanity is grand, and I am very much inclined to believe the scientific part of it; but the observation of the compass needle keeps me guessing."

Koreshan Universology comports

with every fact of every domain of existence, because it is the science of everything as it really exists. The difficulty of our correspondent is merely imaginary. It seems to be a conception of most people who have never given the subject particular study, that the north end of the needle should point toward that point in space known as the north pole of the earth. If this were so, the needle should be inclined about 45° at the equator, the obliquity of the needle decreasing as the compass is taken farther north.

The fact is, the reverse is true; for the higher the northern latitude, the more the needle dips, until standing over a magnetic pole in the arctic regions, the dipping-needle is perpendicular. The prime magnetic pole of the north is near the astronomical pole; in the latitude of the arctic circle there are about four magnetic poles; farther south there are eight in a circle of latitude; sixteen in another, etc. If the compass needle dips in California, it is due to the attraction of a magnetic center not far distant.

In a general sense only may it be said that the compass needle points to the north. The very principles of construction of the surveyor's compass constitute a demonstration that the compass needle generally lies horizontal, or parallel with the level of any given point. The downward attraction of magnetic centers is usually determined by the dipping-needle swung on a horizontal axis, and not on a perpendicular pin, as is the case of the surveyor's compass needle.

The fact is, the direction of the compass needle is an indication of the direction of the course of magnetic currents in the earth directly beneath the compass. If the north polar point constituted the pole or point of attraction, there should be no variation of the needle. It is known that there are comparatively few places in the United States where the compass needle agrees with the astronomical north; the variation in some places is as much as 20°.

In the southern hemisphere, the south end of the needle is subject to



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incline downward near the magnetic centers or zones; and in the case of the compass needle, it is subject to variation much the same as in the north; in some localities, the variation is even greater than in the north. But the reason why the compass needle points north and south at all, is that between the poles of the earth, and running approximately in the direction of the meridians, are strong magnetic currents, and they influence the magnetized compass needle.

The earth is not merely a magnet, as is generally supposed. It is a gigantic electro-magnetic cell, a great battery, in which ever-active forces are generated and operative. Do not think of the compass needle as being attracted by a point in the remote north, but by currents passing through the locality of the needle—and the difficulty suggested by our correspondent will instantly vanish.

ERRATUM.—In the first sentence of the second paragraph of article under the head of "The Koreshan Conception of Energy," in last issue, the word *not* should have been inserted, and punctuation altered, as follows: "Hitherto, energy has been regarded as a mere mode of motion, and not a substantial thing; in fact, everything in the universe has been regarded as matter; and one of the properties of matter is its inertia."

## DESTRUCTIBILITY OF MATTER.

A Correspondent Writes Interestingly of the Discoveries of Koresh.

Among the many interesting subjects discussed in your paper you have one, in the editorial of February 7th, and also an article of February 11th (Sunday supplement), stating that "a French scientist, Dr. Gustave le Bon, has discovered that matter is not, as has been confidently taught and surely held, indestructible;" thus crediting Dr. le Bon with having dealt the established order of science "the severest blow, doubtless, it has received in modern times."

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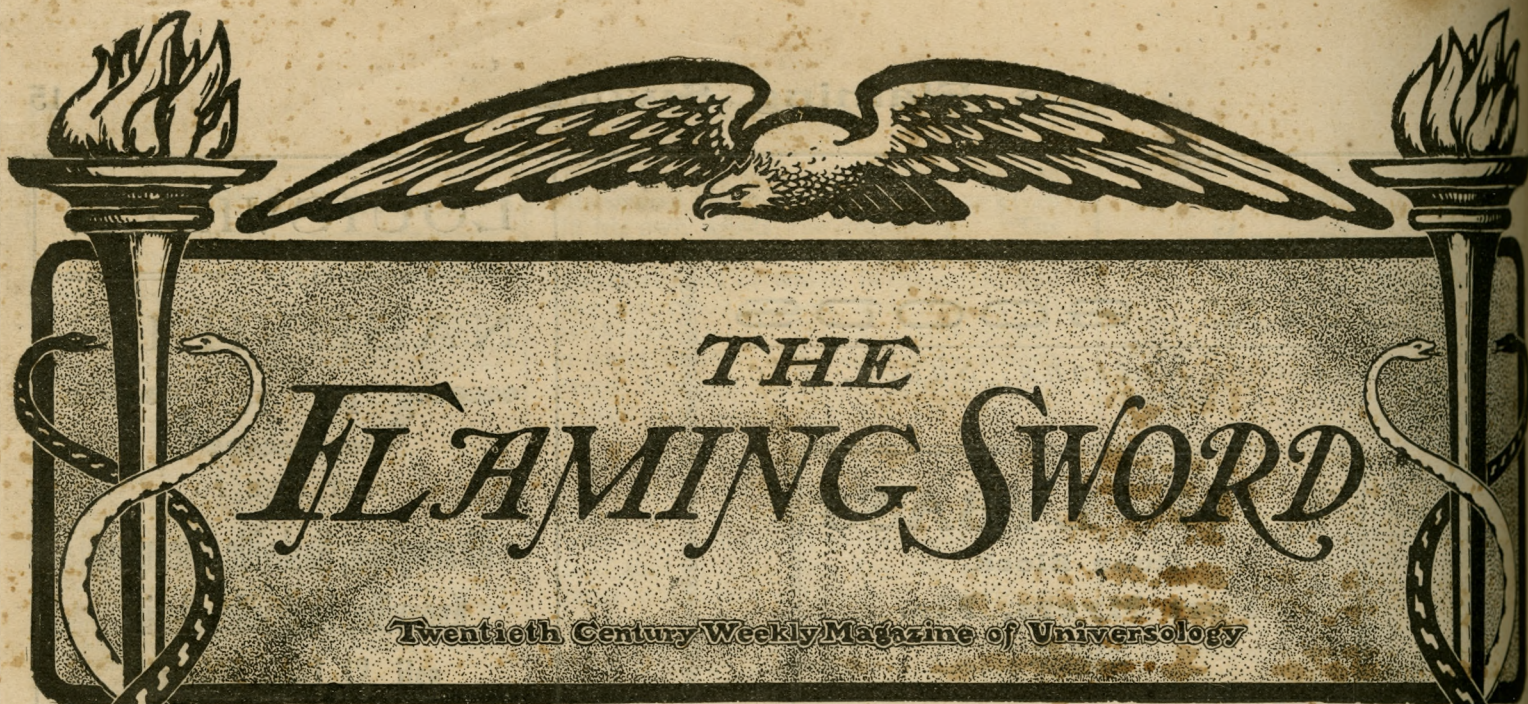
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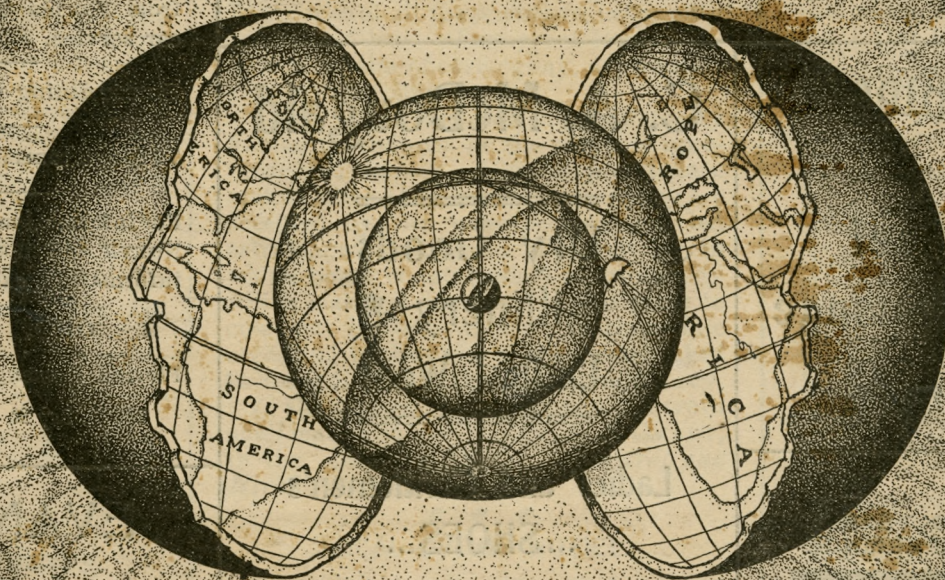




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